

BUSINESS TAX / TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

MINUTES

February 27, 2006

IN ATTENDANCE: Bill Blackburn, Bill Garing, Linda Hussey, John Resha, Jim Stanton, Sue Stewart, Steve Whitescarver, Bob Wikstrom

STAFF: Karen Bambans, Don Cairns, Kurt Seemann, Erika Vandenbrande, Sandy Yeager

Welcome by Bill Blackburn, Chair, and review of tonight's agenda.

Kurt Seemann, Senior Engineer, then gave a brief overview of the Transportation Master Plan (TMP).

When they formally adopted the final TMP, Council underscored that the City's transportation program be based on three priorities:

- Address public health and safety
- Ensure adequate maintenance of existing infrastructure
- Ensure plan-based concurrency

The TMP elements support the downtown and Overlake, interact with regional transportation planning and implementation efforts, provide real choices for mobility, provide for a multi-modal plan, provide connections, and prepare for High Capacity Transit.

Kurt provided a brief summary of each chapter, most specifically Chapter 5, Modal Elements, that outlines a specific plans for a Pedestrian Program, Bicycle System, Transit System, Thoroughfare Plan, Modal Integration: Access and Circulation, and Demand Management. He briefed the Committee on the Transportation Facilities Plan, noting that the BT/TI tax accounts for 27% of the forecasted budget for the TMP. He also offered an overview of the Performance Monitoring System that will monitor progress in meeting TMP metrics.

John Resha said that the Council sees the TMP as a living document that is relevant to the BT/TI Committee. It especially emphasizes two important areas – connectivity and

community character. Kurt agrees that the criteria used during the BT/TI fund allocation process does relate to the intent of the TMP.

Erika Vandenbrande then presented the Committee with a spreadsheet that summarized prior BT/TI projects and categorizes them according support of the Pedestrian Program, Bicycle System Plan, Transit System Plan, Thoroughfare Plan, Demand Management and Multimodal Corridors criteria. After discussion, the Committee decided that projects coming forward should be consistent with the TMP. They directed staff to develop a spreadsheet or other tool to quantify benefits from the projects.

The Committee then discussed the selection criteria. After discussion, it was decided that the Committee would continue to use the existing criteria, but revisit the weighting. Committee members would be provided with the criteria electronically and would re-weight the criteria individually.

ACTION ITEMS:

- ❑ Staff has recently updated the BT/TI website. Go to this link: <http://www.redmond.gov/insidecityhall/finance/btti/>. Please go online to see what's new.
- ❑ Staff will arrange for electronic voting to determine the new criteria weighting.
- ❑ Staff will continue to work on the project spreadsheet to provide simple and clear quantifiable measurements of project benefits.
- ❑ Next meeting will be held Monday, March 27 from 5:30 – 7:00 in the Council Conference Room.

PROPOSED AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

- ❑ Review criteria weighting results
- ❑ Review the updated project/program spreadsheet
- ❑ Discuss the project/program selection process